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**James Monroe to Thomas Jefferson, July 10, 1815, from
Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe Correspondence,
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Washington July 10. 1815.

Dear Sir

The intelligence which you communicated to me the evening before I left home, of a vote having been given in the H. of C. against Ld. C. has not been confirmd, and I fear will not be. Little has been receiv'd of late from Europe, but all accounts concur in the probability of a war, which Engld. prompts & leads, that will become general. Nothing can be mor unprincipled than such a war, since it strikes at the very foundation of right in every community, not solely as likewise the sovereign and the people, but assuming a right to a number of sovereigns to interfere in the interior concerns of another country, & to dictate a govt. & a King to it. I am strongly under the impression, that the treaty of Vienna, partakes of the quality of that of Pilnitz, and if the parties are successful, against France, that their attention will be directed against this country afterwards, the parent of revolutions and the imputed source of the misfortunes of the Bourbons. By the vast force said to be collected and collecting, it seems, as if the coalesced powers,

intended to risk every thing in a great effort to accomplish their objects. From our ministers we hear nothing, which may owing to their having saild, on their return home, tho' of

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that, we are uninformed. Under these circumstances there seems to be little motive for remaining. The President will not stay long, & I shall soon follow him.

The inclosd is a survey made for me by Mr. Lewis, of the land lying below the old road, comprizing a purchase which I made, of Ch. Carter, after that of John which bounds on Mr. Shorts, in the point in which we disagree. If Mr. Lewis ever surveyd the tract first purchased, it was at the instance of the Mr. Carter, or some other person after I left the country to whom they sold land, after the sale to me. By comparing these courses with those in your possession, you will ascertain whether they are the same, or whether the latter from a survey of my tract first purchasd. If they do, I shall be glad to have a copy of them when I have the pleasure to see you.

It was at Culpepper court house, that I heard for the first time that Mr. Galloway had arriv'd with you the day I left, Albemarle, or the day before. A report that I had not the pleasure of seeing him; but as I shall soon get home I hope still to have that satisfaction. With respectful & affect. regard Jas. Monroe

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